

MAYOR WILLIAMS' WARD 1 END OF THE SUMMER UPDATE - 2005



Opening of Tivoli Giant Food Store Signals Continuing Revitalization of Columbia Heights

On June 23, 2005, the Tivoli Giant officially opened to the public with special entertainment, activities, food sampling, and random prize drawings. The opening of the Giant is part of the restoration of the Tivoli Theater, a registered landmark which had been closed since 1974. The opening of the Giant was preceded by the GALA Hispanic Theater, which celebrated its opening in the Tivoli in January 2005. The new upscale Giant and the converted theater project are part of a **\$37 million project** that aims to create significant economic opportunities in the Columbia Heights community.

800 New Jobs at Gallery Place Welcomed by Mayor Williams

On May 18, 2005 **Mayor Williams** welcomed 5 major new retailers: **Clydes**, celebrated its downtown DC restaurant; **Aveda** Institute introduced their salon, spa, and school; **Lucky Strike**, the bowling/dining concept from Los Angeles was introduced as was **Zengo**, restaurant of renowned Chef Richard Sandoval. **Bed, Bath and Beyond** also announced that they would open a store in Gallery Place. Gallery Place is expected to generate **\$19 million in sales and property taxes** a year. **800** permanent jobs are expected when construction is complete. **Looking for a new job or training? Call DOES at 202-724-7000.**

District Works With Community to Develop Cultural Planning Document

The District Government and Ward 1 residents have completed the final draft of the planning document, **"DUKE,"** framework for a cultural destination district in the Greater Shaw/ U Street area. The document represents the end of an extensive planning process that began in December 2003 to outline development and use targets in the areas of Shaw-Howard University and U Street/African American Civil War Memorial/Cardozo Metro Stations. The project calls for development over a five to ten year period. The document has been submitted to the DC City Council. It will provide direction to District Government agencies, the private sector and the community.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WARD 1?

Housing

On March 30, 2005, **Mayor Williams** joined **Mi Casa, Inc.** and community members to celebrate the completion of **619 Park Road, NW**. This is another successful **Home Again** rehabilitation. Once vacant and blighted, **619 Park Road, NW** was acquired by the Home Again program and then sold to Mi Casa in March 2004, which a year later has sold it as affordable housing to District residents. **Home Again** is a program to stabilize neighborhoods by removing blight and neglect and creating more affordable housing opportunities. Since January 2002, the program has converted more than 320 formerly vacant properties into affordable housing for deserving District families. **Mi Casa, Inc.** is a non-profit committed to providing home ownership opportunities in the District's inner city, particularly single homes for large families of low or moderate income.

On June 28, 2005, **Mayor Williams** joined with tenants of the **Fairmont I&II Apartments** to mark the renovation and reopening of one of the two buildings. In 2002 the tenants of the two buildings formed a joint venture with a

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developer to rehabilitate the two 5 story buildings to keep them affordable to the residents. The 2 buildings have 205 apartments. Financing was by the DC Department of Housing and Community Development and the Housing Finance Agency. **If you are interested in finding out more about this or other affordable housing programs, call DHCD at 202-442-7200.**

Earlier this year, **Mayor Williams** announced an agreement with the DC Housing Authority (DCHA) to eliminate barriers to affordable housing for the District's linguistically isolated ethnic communities. DCHA will earmark **100 Housing Choice Vouchers for eligible Latino and Asian/Pacific Islander households**, referred by the applicable offices. **For more information about this special housing program, call DCHA at 202-535-1500.**

Transportation

The much requested traffic light for the corner of **12th and U Streets** was placed in operation last spring. Many community individuals and groups worked to have it installed. With increased pedestrian traffic, this signal provides safe passage for all who use the busy U Street thoroughfare.

Business

At the end of June, **Mayor Williams** joined the Adams Morgan Main Street Group to cut the ribbon at the new **Design Within Reach** studio store on Columbia Road, NW. Design Within Reach serves businesses, design professionals and consumers.

The **DC Free Summer Meals Program** for youth 18 years old and younger runs from June 22-August 31, 2005. **Call 202-463-6211 or log onto www.summeryouthprogram.dc.gov for more information or locations.**

Applications are being accepted for the **Mayor's Advisory Neighborhood Commission Leadership Award**. **For more information call 202-442-8161 or go to www.neighborhoodaction.dc.gov.**

On days when the "heat index" reaches 95 degrees, there are **2 Cooling Centers** opened for District residents at **441 4th Street, NW** and **2000 14th Street, NW**. The DC Energy Office has fans for qualified residents. **Call 202-673-6750 for more information.**

Don't forget to get your child(ren) immunized. School starts August 29, 2005. Call 202-576-7130 for more information.

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General Information (illegal dumping, trash collection/ leaf collection)	202 727-1000
Immunizations	202 576-7130
DMV Services	202 727-5000
Metro, Bus/Rail	202 962-1234
Medicaid/Food Stamps	202 724-5506
DC Public Schools	202 724-4222
Senior Transportation	202 724-5626
Tax Assistance	202 727-4829
Open Hydrant	202 612-3400